

## Police department spending under fire

By Mary Lou Bytof

The Dillsburg Borough Council repeatedly grilled Police Chief Glenn Smith about department spending during a three-hour meeting Tuesday evening.

Whenever Chief Smith addressed the council, his comments and requests met with interrogation and opposition.

The most heated discussion focused on the amount of overtime accumulated by the police officers.

Looking at the police department report, Councilman Darwin Moyer commented that overtime served by the officers had doubled in recent months.

According to Council President John Creavey, the hours of overtime recorded in the past four pay periods are as follows: 20, 30 1/2, 73 1/2, and 32.

Addressing the council, Mayor Robert Bostic, who oversees the police department, responded, "We have to do what we have to do to protect the borough."

"I don't know what more the man can do," Bostic said of Chief Smith.

"The chief has really tried to bring that overtime down. I think that getting it down to 32 hours is a good start in the right direction," he added.

"We're working very, very hard, gentlemen," Smith told the council. "We're working hard to reduce overtime. Read the report and see how many hours I've put in here, and I don't get overtime."

Special events, court appearances, and unusual crimes, such as the recent, widely-publicized teenage vigilante incident, all enter into overtime, Smith explained.

In the police department, it takes five men to cover 24 hours a day on a yearly basis, Smith said. Part time officers are hired to provide extra manpower when necessary, he added.

Creavey asked how many officers are on duty in the borough during the weekdays.

"Just myself and another officer," Smith replied.

"If there is some way to organize things better, we'll have to come up with it," Creavey told Smith.

"I'm trying everything," the chief said in reference to scheduling. "We're even trying to work it out on the computer," he added.

"For the past 10-12 years, I haven't had much dependable help," Smith continued. "They (officers) stay five to six months, then they're gone," he added.

As of April 14, the police department has been operating on full capacity, Smith told the council. According to the chief, having a full staff should help to cut down on overtime.

In addition to overtime, the council also wanted answers as to which criteria can be recorded on the police report as an "incident."

Referring to the police report, Creavey remarked that 30 percent of the "incidents" listed on a single page were escorts from CCNB and Myers Foodrite.

Each "incident" is assigned a 45-minute time period, Creavey said, and it doesn't take that long to complete that particular service.

An "incident," the chief explained, is a request for a policeman to accomplish anything. It can be done physically, over the phone, or put in writing, he said. The guidelines are set up by the state Department of Community Affairs.

The council members agreed to review the police report in detail at the next work session.

The council again interrogated Smith when it was time to pay the bills.

Councilman John Shambaugh questioned the department's request to purchase ammunition and gun-cleaning kits for its officers who chose to use their own guns while on duty.

"We're spending tax dollars for personal again," Shambaugh said. "Why don't they use the department's weapons?" he questioned.

"The borough owns three guns," Smith said, and we have 10 police officers.

"Then we have too many police officers," Moyer retorted.

By using his own gun, an officer can save the borough between \$500 and \$600, Smith estimated.

Smith said the department has obtained a state contract to purchase the ammunition because the officers were qualified in the use of their weapons.

The cost of the ammunition would amount to approximately \$60 a year, Smith told the council.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Rick Baker moved to establish a Dillsburg Police Activity Fund to purchase a second-hand four-wheel drive vehicle at a cost of \$6800.

There will be no cost to the borough other than maintenance, Chief Smith explained. Community organizations would be asked to contribute to the activity fund, he added.

Councilman Shambaugh said he is opposed to the establishment of an activity fund, and he questioned the department's need for such a vehicle.

The council defeated the motion. On Wednesday, Mayor Bostic said he is confident that the council's interrogation of the police chief was "strictly a money issue."

"I do not see a personal problem between the chief and the council," he said.

The council is trying to keep within the budget, so its members are making people justify their spending. It is being conservative in other areas as well, Bostic, a former councilman, added.

The mayor was asked to comment on the police department's response to the vigilante incident.

"The police probably saved the lives of those young people," he exclaimed.

The department's position concerning the severity of the incident was correct, he said. The officers had maintained that the fuses on the homemade bombs were so short that, had they been ignited, the teens might have been killed.

## Music festival

Sunday, April 29 at 7 p.m., a Festival of Music, "All Nature Sings," featuring the Spirit Sound from Messiah College, the Dickinson College Handbell Choir, and Moonstruck Barbershop Quartet from the Harrisburg Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, will be held at Arnold's United Methodist Church, 412 Mountain Road, Dillsburg. Dr. Newton H. Fritchley, Host Pastor, will preside. All music lovers are welcome. Nursery care will be provided. A freewill offering will be taken.



Photo by David March

Guards at the Camp Hill Prison were on the picket line yesterday to protest overcrowding at that facility. Dennis Spangler, President of AFSCME local 2495, which represents 424 Camp Hill State Correctional Institution employees, said there were 321 assaults at the facility last year.

"It is a crisis throughout our corrections system," he said. "We feel it is time for the politicians, the media and the public to realize that overcrowding can no longer be put on

the back burner. The time is now; not after more assaults and they carry somebody out of here in a body bag," he said.

The presidents of all AFSCME State Correctional Officers' Local Unions, statewide, simultaneously released statistics which illustrated the overcrowded conditions and the number of inmate assaults against Correction Employees at their respective facilities.

## Sheaffer upsets Eastern National Champion

### Northern wrestlers send 6 to Nationals

Nate Sheaffer may have finished second in the AAU Regional Championship, but in his semi-final match he defeated Jacob Ibarra of Everett, the defending Eastern National Champion 5-0.

Sheaffer wrestles in the 66 lb. junior class weight group. After winning a close 4-3 decision in the preliminaries, then pinning in 1:40 of the quarterfinals, Nate scored a first period takedown, but while working a cradle in the second period got high and Dave caught him for 2 reversals, 2 back points now losing 4-2. Nate worked hard in the 3rd period to score back points but couldn't. Good luck to all at the National Championships next weekend at Kutztown University.

Chris Terris-2nd in Regionals  
Nate Sheaffer-2nd in Regionals  
Andy Westhaven-lost in wrestle backs  
Dave Renard-lost in wrestle backs  
Jeremy Lusk-3rd in Regionals  
Denny Perry-1st in Regionals (only one match)  
Bradley Perva-2nd in Regionals  
Steve Johnson-2nd in Regionals  
Brendan Perva was the only

Northern wrestler to place first at regionals. Danny, because of being seeded first, only had to wrestle once, pinning Gibson Jackson of Kutztown, Pa. in the second period. Danny wrestles midget unlimbed.

Bradley Perva defeated Joshua Kuykendall of Maysdale, W. Va. in the quarterfinals 11-0. He then won a close 5-4 decision over Corey Weaver of Bellefonte, Pa. before losing to Eric Zombro of Wheeling, W. Va. 12-4 in the finals to finish second in the midget 80 lb. class.

Both boys will be advancing to the Eastern Regional National Championships at Kutztown University on April 21 and 22.

Christ Terris will be advancing to the AAU Eastern Nationals at Kutztown University on April 21 and 22. Christ won a tough 3rd match in overtime against Ben Dreusen of Parkersburg, W. Virginia, to reach the finals.

Jeremy Lusk advances to the AAU Middle Atlantic Eastern National Championships in the Intermediate Division. This division is for boys ages twelve to fourteen. Jeremy, a seventh grader at Northern Middle School, finished in third place in the Western regional. He won four matches and lost one to capture his medal. Jeremy's only loss was a 9-6 decision to Cliff Ward, the champion from Wheeling, West Virginia. This will be Lusk's second trip to the Eastern Nationals.

## Student auction to be held during Earth Day at Logan Park

### Rep. Bruce Smith to be guest auctioneer

Earth Day at Logan Park will soon be upon us and the activities continue to grow! The Northern High School Student Council will be sponsoring a student auction. Guest auctioneer Bruce Smith will take bids for jobs the students are willing to perform, such as babysitting, yard work, etc. Here's your chance to get some work done and help Logan Park!

Another exciting attraction comes to us courtesy of the Hershey Impact Soccer Team. Two Hershey Impact players will be on hand from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to sign autographs and for picture taking. They have generously donated an AISA game ball autographed by the Hershey Impact team to be raffled. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase on April 22 for \$1.00 each.

For those of you wishing to seek revenge on a select group of local "celebrities," you'll want to visit the "dunk tank" if you are willing to get wet for Logan Park. please contact John Geschwind at 432-3472.

We also need players for the community softball game. We winning municipality. If you are coming to watch the game, don't forget your lawn chairs.

We are also looking for people to help with the children's athletic events. If you are willing to help, please call Ruth Rudderow at 432-5039.

Mark your calendar today-Earth Day at Logan Park, Sunday, April 22, 1990 from 1 p.m. to dusk. See you there.

**Schedule of events**  
1 p.m.-Earth Day at Logan Park begins  
2 p.m.-"Logan Day" softball game  
2 p.m.-5 p.m.-Teasered Re/Max hot air balloon rides adults-\$2.00, children (12 and under), \$1.00  
3 p.m.-5 p.m.-Hershey Impact Players  
4 p.m.-Peanut scramble for children 4 years and under  
4:30 p.m.-Pre School Athletic events  
5:00 p.m.-Kindergarten-2nd grade athletic events  
5:30 p.m.-3rd-5th grade Athletic events  
Dusk-Earth Day at Logan Park ends

**Other Events**  
Student auction  
5:00-5:30 p.m. Food  
Dunk Tank  
Games  
Tug of war between Carroll Twp. and Dillsburg Police  
Logan Park T-shirts will be available for purchase.

**Balloon Rides**  
Re/Max Professional Consultants Real Estate of Dillsburg will be sponsoring a hot air balloon on April 22, 1990 for the opening of Logan Park. (Weather permitting). The balloon will be tethered from 2 to 5 p.m. at Logan Park and will be available for rides. Cost will be \$2.00 per ride, children under 12, \$1.00. Proceeds benefit Logan Park.